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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

SUBJECT: C.I.G. 19

1. Although CIG letter of 23 January, relating to CIG 19, contains several statements which cannot be accepted without reservation, this reply will confine itself to the subject of NIR's, particularly as relates to paragraphs 10 and 11.

2. The Intelligence Division had hoped that the current project to evolve the National Intelligence Outline and the National Intelligence Digest (documents believed to be fundamental for the coordination of production) would provide a more reliable guide for the evolution of the NIR's (Intelligence Plan) which are of lesser fundamental character and necessarily of current nature. However, if as stated in the memorandum referred to, it is considered vital by the Director of Central Intelligence that the NIR's for the China area be established immediately, the Director of Intelligence will offer no further objections under the conditions outlined in paragraph 11, i.e., that implementation will be by CIG by request to the various departments instead of by overall directive. The latter has been the principal objection since it tends to cut across the system of the War Department without being sufficiently inclusive as to fundamental.

3. Prior to issuance of the NIA Directive covered by CIG 19, it is considered necessary that the following changes be made to accord with the revised method of implementation:

Paragraph 1: Eliminate words "coordinated directives" by all agencies for"

Paragraph 3: Eliminate words "immediately undertake to coordinate the various intelligence directives based thereon and will" or revise the wording somewhat along the lines--"issue such coordinating requests for intelligence to various agencies as are necessary and will"

Paragraph I, 2: Eliminate words "and constitute a directive," substituting "and constitute a guide"

Army review(s) completed.


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It is further believed that the document should be restricted in its circulation to the CIG and the intelligence agencies of the IAB in Washington, since implementation is to be by specification rather than by generalization.

4. Colonel Williams is designated to participate in conferences relating to NIR's U.S.S.R. and Middle East.

  
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